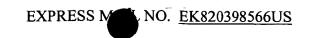
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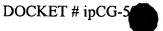
THE CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1. A system for facilitating conception of inventions in a directed manner comprising a computer processor programmed to execute the following functions:
 - (a) requesting and accepting input comprising data selected from the group consisting of:
 - (i) mess statements;
 - (ii) data statements relating to the mess statements;
 - (iii) problem statements relating to the data statements;
 - (iv) elements relating to the problem statements, mess statements and/or data statements;
 - (v) solutions to the problem statements;
 - (vi) limitations of problem-element-solution combinations; and
 - (vii) solutions to the limitations;
 - (b) aggregating and storing said input data; and
 - (c) providing output displaying aggregated input data of (a)(i) to (a)(vii).
- 2. The system of claim 1 wherein the input data comprises one or more mess statements.
- 3. The system of claim 2 wherein the input data comprises one or more data statements relating to the mess statements.
- 4. The system of claim 3 wherein the input data comprises one or more problem statements relating to the data statements, elements and/or mess statements.
- 5. The system of claim 4 wherein the input data comprises one or more elements relating to the problem statements, mess statements and/or data statements, or where the elements are randomly generated or are conceived by the users as the result of a stimulus.
- 6. The system of claim 5 wherein the elements are randomly generated.



- 7. The system of claim 5 wherein the elements are conceived using a visual, tactile or olfactory stimulus.
- 8. The system of claim 5 wherein the input data comprises one or more solutions to the problem statements.
- 9. The system of claim 8 wherein one or more of the solutions is conceived using one element and a problem statement as creative stimulus, and the solution is stored in a manner which indicates its relationship to a problem and an element.
- 10. The system of claim 8 wherein the input data comprises one or more limitations of problem-element-solution combinations.
- 11. The system of claim 10 wherein the input data comprises one or more solutions to the limitations.
- 12. The system of claim 1 wherein the system instructs the user that a complete invention comprises:
 - (a) a seed of an invention;
 - (b) all limitations of the seed of an invention; and
 - (c) all solutions to the limitations.
- 13. The system of claim 1 wherein the computer processor is a component of a server.
- 14. The system of claim 13 further comprising one or more participant computers operably linked to the server.
- 15. The system of claim 14 wherein one or more of the participant computer(s) is linked via a network system selected from the group consisting of: local area networks, virtual private networks, an near private networks, the Internet, an intranet.
- 16. The system of claim 14 wherein:
 - (a) one or more of the participant computers is remotely located relative to the server; and/or
 - (b) one or more of the participant computers is remotely located relative to on or more other participant computers.



- 17. A method for facilitating conception of inventions in a directed manner, the method comprising:
 - (a) providing a computer processor programmed to accept input and provide output;

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- (b) inputting data selected from the group consisting of:
 - (i) mess statements;
 - (ii) data statements relating to the mess statements;
 - (iii) problem statements relating to the data statements:
 - (iv) elements relating to the problem statements, mess statements and/or data statements;
 - (v) solutions to the problem statements;
 - (vi) limitations of problem-element-solution combinations; and
 - (vii) solutions to the limitations;
- (c) aggregating and storing the data input in step (b);
- (d) providing output displaying aggregated input data of (b)(i) to (b)(vii).
- 18. The method of claim 17 further comprising facilitating the conception by one or more participants of any one or more types of information selected from the group consisting of:
 - (a) mess statements;
 - (b) data statements relating to the mess statements;
 - (c) problem statements relating to the data statements;
 - elements relating to the problem statements, mess statements and/or data (d) statements;
 - (e) solutions to the problem statements;
 - (f) limitations of problem-element-solution combinations; and
 - (g) solutions to the limitations.

- 19. The method of claim 18 further comprising using a problem statement and an element as creative stimuli to facilitate conception of a solution to the problem statement.
- 20. The method of claim 18 further comprising identifying on or more limitations of a problem-element-solution combination and solutions to the limitation.
- 21. The method of claim 17 further comprising using problem-element combinations as creative stimuli to facilitate inventive conception.
- 22. The method of claim 17 wherein the input data comprises elements (b)(i)-(b)(vii).
- 23. The method of claim 17 further comprising communicating via a telephone system, the telephone system having conference calling capabilities.
- 24. The method of claim 17 wherein the computer processor is a component of a server.
- 25. The method of claim 24 further comprising one or more participant computers operably linked to the server.
- 26. The method of claim 25 wherein one or more of the participant computer(s) is linked via a network system selected from the group consisting of: local area networks, virtual private networks, an near private networks, the Internet, an intranet.
- 27. The method of claim 25 wherein:
 - (a) one or more of the participant computers is remotely located relative to the server; and/or
 - (b) one or more of the participant computers is remotely located relative to one or more other participant computers.